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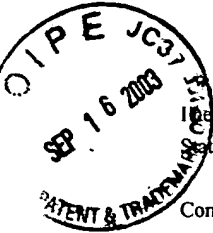
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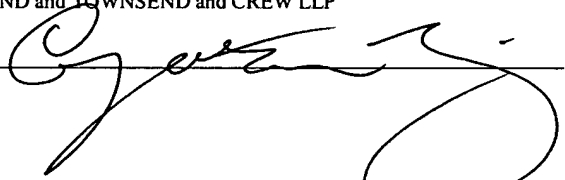
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In response to a restriction requirement mailed August 13, 2003, Applicant elects to continue prosecution on a species of the invention as recited in the Group I, Claims 1-22. Accordingly, please cancel claims 25-33 without prejudice. It is understood that canceled claims can be pursued in a subsequent application filed during the pendency of the instant application.

The pending claims are 1-22, claims 23 and 24 were previously canceled, claims 25 - 33 are withdrawn. Claim 20 is amended to correct a minor informality.

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